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TO : ALL CONCERNED

FROM : THE OIC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF THE MINIMUM LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTED MEAT

Pursuant to Department Agriculture Administrative Order (AO) No. 26 Series of 2005 and AO No. 24 Series of 2010, the accredited meat importer shall ensure that the shipment of imported meat shall comply to the following minimum labelling requirements:

1. Registered trade name of the exporters or brand name of the product;
2. Business name and address of the exporter;
3. Country of origin;
4. Lot identification;
5. Product description and list of ingredients;
6. Net quantity of contents, in terms of weight, measure or numerical count rounded to the nearest tenth (expressed in METRIC SYSTEM);
7. Date of manufacture and packaging;
8. Date of minimum durability ("best before") or **expiration date**; and
9. Handling and storage instruction.

Imported meat inappropriately labeled based on the requirements shall be seized, subject for confiscation and disposal.

For strict compliance.


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